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Rent Courts in Malabar

* 2724 *Q.*—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government received any representation from the Malabar Pradesh Congress Committee President, Sri P. Vasu Menon or Sri R. Raghava Menon or from any other person or organization in June 1955, that the functions of the Rent Courts in Malabar should be stayed till a legislation on land reforms is passed; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) Various representations were received in this regard.

(*b*) The Government saw no justification for suspending the work of Rent Courts constituted under the Malabar Tenancy Act.

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Recently the High Court has held that a rule framed by the Government in regard to fixation of fair rent is *ultra vires* of the powers of the Government. May I know whether the Government contemplate rectifying it or issuing any further instructions in the matter?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Some time is required to look into it.

SRI C. H. KANARAN : May I know whether the Government have received any representations from the President of the Malabar Pradesh Congress Committee Sri P. Vasu Menon or from Sri P. Raghava Menon?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Sir, I said that many representations were received, of which Sri Raghava Menon's must be one. That is my impression.

* 2725 *Q.*—SRI C. KUNHIRAMA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of cases which have been filed in Rent Courts in Kurumbranad taluk so far; and

(*b*) of these, how many have been decreed in favour of tenants and how many in favour of jenmis?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) Six thousand, three hundred and thirteen up to 30th June 1955.

(*b*) Number decreed in favour of tenants—969.

Number decreed in favour of jenmis—13.

Tamil students of the Anantapur Engineering College

* 2726 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have sent any communication recently to the Andhra Government with regard to the Tamil students of the Engineering College, Anantapur ; and